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PRICE, \$24 PER ANNUM.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GORCH, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENDY & CO., 4, Old Jewry, E. C. RAMUEL DEACON & CO., 160 & 164, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE—LEON DE ROSEN, 19, Rue Monsieur, Paris.

NEW YORK—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND—GORDON & GORCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally—BEN & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE AND STRAITS—SAYLE & CO., Singapore. C. HENNINGSEN & CO., Manila.

CHINA—Macao, Messrs A. A. DE MELLO & Co., Swatow, CAMPBELL & Co., Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co., Foochow, HEDON & Co., Shanghai. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 1,300,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—HON. W. KESWICK, Esq.
E. R. BRILLIUS, Esq.
H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq.
H. HOPKINS, Esq.
A. MELVER, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Office of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

NOTICE.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

THE AGENCY of this BANK at Foochow will be CLOSED and WITHDRAWN from 1st July next.

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS and FIXED DEPOSIT RECEIPTS will be PAID there AT ONCE with INTEREST to Date, or transferred to this Branch at the Exchange of the Day at the option of Constituents.

GEO. O. SCOTT, p. Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, May 28, 1879.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, 23,200,000.
RESERVE FUND, 4,800,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, RUE BERGÈRE, PARIS.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES at:
LONDON, BOMBAY, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLES, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW.

LONDON BANKERS:

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT,
Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

Banks.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 3 " 2 per cent. " "

H. H. NELSON, Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000.
RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

Banks.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

Entertainment.

FIRST

OPERATIO CONCERT

GIVEN BY

MADAME A. HIRLEMANN,

PRIMA DONNA,

and

MAESTRO HIRLEMANN,

PIANISTE COMPOSITEUR.

To-morrow Evening,

13th AUGUST, 1879,

AT THE

THEATRE ROYAL;

CITY HALL.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of

HIS EXCELLENCY

MAJOR-GENERAL DONOVAN,

Commanding the

TROOPS IN CHINA AND JAPAN.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Stalls or Dress Circle, TWO DOLLARS.
Pit, ONE DOLLAR.

Tickets to be had and Seats secured at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s.

Hongkong, August 12, 1879. au14

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

THE GOODWILL, LEASE, FURNITURE AND FIXTURES OF

THE CENTRAL HOTEL,

SHANGHAI-CHINA.

THIS HOTEL, which is furnished throughout in a very Superior Manner, has been in operation for upwards of 3½ Years, and affords an Excellent Opportunity for an Energetic Man, or a Married Couple, to secure a Competency in a few Years.

Terms, and full Particulars, can be obtained upon application to

HALL & HOLTZ,

Shanghai.

July 21, 1879. au21

FOR SALE.

THE Undersigned offers for SALE at moderate Prices, an Invoice of

PRESERVED MEATS from the SYDNEY PRESERVED MEAT COMPANY,

Comprising: Boiled Beef and Mutton, Corned Beef and Soup and Bouilli in 6-lb. Tins, Ox-tongues, Spiced, Corned and Seasoned Beef, Roast and Corned Mutton, Sheep-tongues, Real Turtle Soup, Assorted Soups, Sheep's-head, Compressed Meats, Brawn and Ox-tongues, etc., in 2-lb. Tins.

And,

A Small Invoice of Superior Red and White AUSTRALIAN GROWN WINES, viz: MURRAY VALLEY and WYNDHAM WINES, comprising: Tokay, Verdillo, Muscat, Claret, Madeira, Sheraz, Reimsburgundy, Hermitage, Pineau in Quarts and Pints.

Also, (From Bordeaux), CHATEAU DE FRAUDS, a Superior Breakfast Claret at \$5 per Case. A few Cases of LAFITTE.

G. R. LAMMERT.

Hongkong, July 17, 1879.

THE



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For Sale.

NEW GOODS

EX RECENT ARRIVALS.

THE New Shapes in HATS. ACME FILES, and AMBERG'S INDEXIGON FILES, the latest improvements for Office use.

EXTRA FINEST ISIGNY BUTTER, New Season's Packing, L. C. & Co.'s OWN BRAND.

LAWN TENNIS. REP NOTE PAPER and ENVELOPES. ARTISTS' COLOURS and COLOUR BOXES.

LETTER SCALES. WALKING STICKS, well selected. NURSERY KETTLES and STANDS, New-Portable.

MACHE'S EXCHANGE TABLES. SPARKLING SAUMUR, a really Good Dry Champagne at a Moderate Price, Quarts \$10 and \$11, Pints \$11.50 and \$12.50 per case.

RUINANT PERE & FILS' CHAMPAGNE, \$10 per case. SPARKLING BURGUNDY, RECOMMENDED BY THE MEDICAL PROFESSION FOR INVALIDS.

FINEST FRENCH PLUMS. DRY MANZANILLA SHERRIES. RED HEART RUM.

Specially Selected SCOTCH WHISKY. ANGOSTURA BITTERS.

THE MULTIPLEX COPIER, a new and most valuable Invention. CUMSHAW MIXTURE TEA (a five catty Box delivered at any address in the United Kingdom for \$5).

MORLEY'S HOSIERY. PARISH SHIRTS. CALDECOTT'S CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS. NEW NOVELS.

WORKS OF REFERENCE. GOLDEN CLOUD TOBACCO. &c., &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, August 6, 1879.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, in Quarts and Pints.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, May 26, 1879.

F. KLAMPERMEYER,

136, QUEEN'S ROAD,

BEGS to inform the Public that he has commenced BUSINESS, as a CAFE and RESTAURANT Keeper, and will endeavour to the best of his ability to give satisfaction to those who kindly give him their Patronage.

GERMAN SAUSAGES of all Kinds can be made to Order at the shortest notice, and of the Best Quality.

ICE CREAM at all Times in readiness, and can be supplied to Parties, &c.

F. KLAMPERMEYER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, August 4, 1879. se4

FOR SALE.

EX American Bark "ANTIOCH" (JUST ARRIVED),

1, 2, 3 and 4 inch OREGON PINE LUMBER. S P A R S,

7 to 18 inches (in Slings) 40 to 80 ft. long.

19 to 24 " (at Partners) 80 to 95 ft. "

L. MALLORY, Hongkong Timber Yard, (Wanchai).

Hongkong, August 8, 1879. se8

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, shortly, on a day to be hereafter named, unless previously disposed of by private contract,—

THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY,

Situate at East Point, Hongkong, now in Complete Working Order, and Capable of Distilling upwards of 2,000 Gallons daily. The Property is of a most valuable nature, comprising THREE

PIECES OF GROUND close to the water, viz:—Inland Lots Nos. 749, 781 and 782, with the Substantially Built DWELLING HOUSE and BUSINESS PREMISES, erected specially for the purpose only a few years since, together with the MACHINERY, ENGINES, STILL, VATS, STOCK, and TRADE FURNITURE and FITTINGS.

For further Particulars, apply to Messrs SHARP, TOLLER, and JOHNSON, Solicitors, Supreme Court House, Hongkong.

Hongkong, March 5, 1879.

Intimations.

THE Undersigned have been appointed

SOLE AGENTS for Hongkong and China for the Sale of their LEAD by the MECHERINICH MINING SOCIETY.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, June 27, 1879. se27

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DR EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS,

No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 6th, to SATURDAY, the 16th of August (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 31, 1879. au16

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be Held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 16th day of August next, at Three o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1879.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 31, 1879. au16

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1878, AND TO THE 30th JUNE, 1879.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY are requested to Furnish the Undersigned with a List of their CONTRIBUTIONS from the 1st January, 1878, to the 30th June, 1879, in Order that the Portion of the NET PROFITS to be Reserved for CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st OCTOBER next will be adjusted by the Company, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, August 2, 1879. nol

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1878, AND THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 1879.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY are requested to Furnish the Undersigned with a List of their CONTRIBUTIONS for the Year ending December 31st, 1878, and for the SIX MONTHS from January 1st to June 30th 1879; in Order that the Distribution of the Portion of PROFITS Reserved for CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to October 31st next, will be adjusted by the Company and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, July 24, 1879. oc31

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Months, leaving Hongkong on the 1st of April next, and returning about 1st November.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

Intimations.

DOG LOST.

LOST, from H.B.M. Consulate, Canton, on the 2nd of May last, a rough-haired SCOTCH TERRIER of an Iron Grey Colour, with cut Ears and Tail, and answering to the Name of "WASP."

There is reason to believe that the Dog is now in Hongkong.

A REWARD of \$10 will be given to any one who will give such information as will lead to his recovery.

H. B. M. Consulate, Canton, August 2, 1879. au18

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE, the LEUNG MIN UN TONG, of Canton, or Trade name WAN CHAI, and his BROTHERS and NEPHEWS beg to inform the Public that We have SOLD all our BUSINESS and STOCK-IN-TRADE to LEUNG MAN HOI and his CHILDREN; We have Settled all the Accounts for Several Years between ourselves and our Creditors. Hereafter MIN-UN-TONG, the original title of the said Firm, or WAN CHAI in English, together with all its Business belongs to said LEUNG-MAN-HOI and his CHILDREN, who may do any Business in the above mentioned Firm's name as he likes. And after this Date, if the Business of the mentioned Firm will Meet with either Prosperity or Disadvantage, or any Debts for Goods, or any Kind of Loans, the said LEUNG-MAN-HOI and his CHILDREN will be Responsible for them, and We have no concern with the Matter. We, therefore, as a Proof, make this Notice to the Public.

LEUNG KEUNG.

Hongkong, August 8, 1879. au15

NOTICE.

I HAVE To-day established myself at this Port as GENERAL MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT.

A. SCHOMBURG.

Hoihow, August 1, 1879. au15

NOTICE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP Co.

THE Authority to Sign Bills of Lading by this COMPANY'S STEAMERS, granted to Mr. J. L. HOWARD, is hereby revoked, and Mr. C. L. GORHAM is authorized to Sign until further notice.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 10, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has established himself at the Premises formerly occupied by LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co., Leddard's Wharf, as

AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER and COMMISSION AGENT.

All GOODS entrusted for SALE will be fully covered by FIRE INSURANCE.

G. R. LAMMERT.

Hongkong, July 1, 1879.

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Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO.
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the rate of 3% or \$2.25 PER SHARE, declared at the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of SHAREHOLDERS held YESTERDAY, will be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on and after TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), the 13th Instant.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply at the OFFICE of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, July 30, 1879.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Articles of Agreement, the Directors have declared a DIVIDEND to POLICYHOLDERS for the FIFTEEN MONTHS ending 31st December 1878, of THIRTY-THREE PER CENT. ON THE NET PREMIUM CONTRIBUTED, payable at our OFFICE on and after the 15th Instant.

POLICYHOLDERS are requested to send in particulars of their Contributions.

By Order of the Directors,
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE.

THE EXCHANGE ROOMS in MARINE HOUSE, Queen's Road Central, are Open Daily for the use of MEMBERS from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Special Days—TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS, from 12 to 12.30 and 4 to 4.30 p.m.
Applications for admission as Members to be addressed to

E. GEORGE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, June 18, 1879.

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the Wharf, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch. Also entire GODOWNS to be let.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 1, 1879.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Viceroy* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Under-signed, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Two o'clock To-DAY.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 15th Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, August 8, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-signed for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex Yangtsé.

AME (in diamond) } Nos. 16/17, Or., 2 cases
T J } Flannel, from L'don.

Ex Anadyr.

Mr Charles Bonnet, 1 case Shirts, &c., from Marseilles.

B & C (in diamond) Order, 150 bales Cotton, from Madras.

G. DE CRAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, July 30, 1879.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

BREITHOVEN, German barque, Captain R. Haje, Melchers & Co.

AGNES MUIR, British ship, Capt. James Lowe, Meyer & Co.

HAZEL HOLMES, British barque, Capt. J. Wm. Millican, Adamson, Bell & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

CONSULADO DE ESPAÑA EN HONGKONG.

SEALED TENDERS will be Received in this CONSULATE for the SALE of the OLD COPPER extracted from the Spanish Man-of-war *Vencador*, actually lying in the Kowloon Dock, where the COPPER is also in view.

The Adjudication to the Highest Bidder shall take place on the 18th Instant in this OFFICE, Ball's Court, No. 1, where the Tenders shall be Opened and Read at One o'clock P.M.

The Tenders must contain the Price offered of each Pion of Copper, which shall be weighed thereafter before delivery.

A. MENCARINI,
Spanish Consul.

Hongkong, August 12, 1879.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT).

The Steamship
"NINGPO,"
R. Cass, Master, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 13th Inst., at 11 a.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, August 12, 1879. au13

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Aug. 12, *Ningpo*, British steamer, from Canton.

Aug. 12, *Prosperity*, Siamese barque, 476, M. S. Hoff, Bangkok July 7, General.

DEPARTURES.

Aug. 12, *China*, for Yokohama.

12, *Courier*, for Whampoa.

12, *Beethoven*, for Chefoo.

12, *Kaiser-i-Hind*, for Europe, &c.

12, *Salvadora*, for Manila.

12, H.M.S. *Midge*, for a cruise.

CLEARED.

Tai Lee, for Chefoo.

Ningpo, for Shanghai.

Egean, for New York.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTED.

Per *Kaiser-i-Hind*, from Hongkong: for Southampton, Deputy Inspector General S. S. D. Wells, Mrs and Miss Wells, Miss Mertens, Lieut. J. W. McFarlane, R.N., Paymaster B. J. Lloyd Evans, R.N., Mr. Jas. Campbell, R.N., Mrs Phillips and child, and Mr R. G. James; for Bombay, Mr B. F. Tolatee, from Shanghai: for Southampton, Mr and Mrs Pugh, 4 children and 2 native servants, and Mr G. Phillips; for Brindisi, Mr W. Paterson; for Galles, Mr Jas. Smith, from Yokohama: for Singapore, Rev. Mr Pearson; for Southampton, Messrs H. Thompson and Dawson, Mr and Mrs Simpkins.

Per *China*, for Yokohama, Mr H. Vinay.

Staff-Surgeons A. W. Whitley, R.N., and T. D. A. Bromlow, R.N., Messrs Deplace, and Jas. Searl.

Per *Salvadora*, for Manila, Mr Farland.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Siamese barque *Prosperity* reports: Had fine weather and calms throughout.

CARGO.

Per S. S. *Glengyle*, from Canton Waters to London, called from Hongkong 10th August, 1879:—162,991 lbs. Congou, 329,454 lbs. Scented Caper, and 80,481 lbs. Sc. Or. Pekoe—total 572,926 lbs. Tea.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SHANGHAI.—

Per *Ningpo*, at 10.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 13th inst.

For AMOY, TAIWAN, AND TAMSUI.—

Per *Albay*, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 13th inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, AND CALCUTTA.—

Per *Moray* and *Arratoon Apear*, at 2.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 13th inst.

For MANILA.—

Per *Churruca*, at 11.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 14th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOW.—

Per *Namoa*, at 9.30 a.m., on Friday, the 15th inst.

For SAIGON.—

Per *Olympia*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 15th inst.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *City of Tokio*, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 18th Instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c. which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 P.M. Registry ceases.

2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay cannot be sent by this route.

Hongkong, August 4, 1879. au18

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *Anadyr*, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 19th Instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Orylon, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

HOURS OF CLOSING

THE CONTRACT MAILS.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by both the British and French Contract Packets:—

Day before departure.—

5 P.M.—Money Order Office closes; Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Day of departure.—

7 A.M.—Post Office opens.

10 A.M.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

11 A.M.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

11.10 A.M.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents until

11.30 A.M.—when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.40 A.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 18 cents until time of departure.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

11 a.m.—*Ningpo* leaves for Shanghai.

Noon.—*Albay* leaves for Amoy, &c.

3 p.m.—*Moray* and *Arratoon Apear* leave for Singapore, &c.

Amusement.

9 p.m.—Operatic Concert at the City Hall.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, August 15:—

10 a.m.—*Namoa* leaves for Coast Ports. Goods per *Viceroy* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, August 16:—

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at the City Hall.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Perseverance Lodge.

MONDAY, August 18:—

2 p.m.—Tenders for sale of Old Copper, will be received by the Spanish Consul.

3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

TUESDAY, August 19:—

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

SATURDAY, August 23:—

4 p.m.—*Olaf* leaves for Port Darwin, &c.

MONDAY, September 1:—

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco on or about.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Established A.D. 1841.

香港大藥房

A. S. WATSON & Co.,

FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,

IMPORTERS

OF

DRUGGISTS' SUPPLIES, NURSERY REQUISITES, TOILET REQUISITES, ENGLISH, AMERICAN, AND FRENCH PATENT MEDICINES.

MANUFACTURERS

OF

Soda Water, Lemonade, Tonic Water, Gingerade, Potass Water, Sarsaparilla Water, and other Aerated Waters.

The Manufacture is under direct and continuous European Supervision.

Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.55 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 1879.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next AMERICAN MAIL will be due here to-morrow by the O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Belgic*.

We are requested to state that there will be a Promenade Concert and Illumination, weather permitting, in the Gardens, this evening. The Band plays from 9 to 11.

ON Sunday morning, an accident occurred at the Bath-house which, a medical member of the Club being fortunately present, was not attended with serious results. One of the members, Mr P. H. Emanuel, while taking a "header" from the spring board, lost his balance and, there being very little water in the bath at the time, went to the bottom, striking his head on a rock which exists there much to the annoyance and inconvenience of bathers and which might be removed at a very small cost with only a slight attention on the part of the steward, who has been asked repeatedly to take up the obstruction. Mr Emanuel was fortunately not seriously injured.

WITH reference to the small case reported in our Summary Jurisdiction Court proceedings to-day, it may be pointed out how miserable a glimpse it gives into one phase of native life amongst the lowest stratum of the poor. The plaintiff in the case, a loathsome hag, as old apparently in vice as in years, appeared in Court with two blind girls under her care; one of them the poor creature whom the suit concerned. The uses to which these unfortunates are devoted is a miserable one. They are trained to sing or play, and then to go on the street at night, like the blind young beggars at home and abroad of whom so many doleful tales have been written. Their earnings in this way come to be say some 400 cash a night; the money goes to such harpies as the plaintiff, who maintain their gangs of them, under a system of cruelty, misery and immorality which one cannot think of without deep sorrow.

A RIDICULOUS case was brought before the Summary Court to-day. A dhoty brought a suit against a girl 7 years of age, Yuk Shan, for \$4.20, value of a mosquito curtain, which, as he alleged, had been handed over to her by the plaintiff, by mistake, and which she now refused to give up. The girl had taken a curtain to the wash; one of little worth. She gave her own name as the owner. To the same girl later on, a curtain was given, as he said, of a very much superior quality, which she accepted, paying for the

washing. The mistake was discovered when the customer to whom the first-quality one belonged, refused to take the other. The Judge, immediately on being told that the small piece of humanity before him was the defendant, dismissed the case. Plaintiff was asked why he did not sue the parents or guardian of the child, if she had done any damage. He said it was the child to whom the goods had been given. The Judge: "More fool you are for giving anything to such a child."

THERE was a large muster this afternoon at the Fire Brigade Parade, C. V. Creagh Esq., the Superintendent, Captain McEwen Esq., and many others who had come specially to see the new engine at work, being present. The manual engines went down to West Point for practice, the three steam engines being taken to the Praya Central. A very successful parade was gone through and the new engine's capacity tested with satisfactory results. There was a slight break-down at the close of the parade, when, the bushes of the new engine not being properly adjusted she had to have a tracing block rigged on to convey her home. This is of slight importance as it can be attended to at once by Mr D. H. Bailey, the superintendent engineer. On the whole, the parade was a decided success. A visit from some of the volunteer firemen at these parades would be a welcome sight. Many Volunteers don the uniform only when an alarm of fire is given; they are conspicuous by their absence on parade days. This should not be.

NOTHING more ever seems to engage the attention of our Energetic Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, who regularly holds parades and inspections every week, weather permitting, than the task—praiseworthy enough in itself no doubt but surely not the be-all and the end-all of his duty—of making all the members proficient in the use of the multitudinous paraphernalia with which the Brigade is so liberally endowed. Whether, however, these parades are attended with satisfactory results remains to be seen. It is almost an impossibility to work such a number of engines, extinguishers, fire ladders, and general gear as the Brigade now has, with only 17 European firemen. These are, at least one half of them, on duty, and thus the onus of working the whole of the engines, &c. is thrown on the Chinese, who are utterly incapable of even fixing a nozzle, or of understanding a manual, much less a steam fire-engine. It is nonsensical to suppose that a Brigade comprising three steam fire-engines, six manual engines about twelve extinguishers, twelve portable pumps and a number—say, without exaggeration about 25—fire-ladders, escapes, &c. can be superintended by about ten Europeans. Some notice of this ought to be taken.

A Commission to enquire into the whole Fire Brigade question would be of much greater interest than, and just as useful as, the work of the C. D. O. Commission, or the work now being performed by a body of officials irreverently called "the Gambling Commissioners"—Cor.

THE *Shanghai News* makes some apposite remarks on the lack of propriety shown by the Chinese in public, and draws attention to the many things which have yet to be impressed upon the native mind ere pleasant social intercourse between the races can prove a great success. A correspondent some time ago wrote to us in a similar strain; and there is no use blinking the fact that they "do these things differently" in China. The great bonds of brotherhood are undoubtedly affected one way or other by the dexterous use of the handkerchief, and a due attention to personal cleanliness. "Then let us pray that come it may, as come it will for a' that," and the time ought to come all the sooner for such remarks as those referred to. In point of fact, the public decencies of Society generally precede the great brotherhood era; and it is therefore worse than useless to ignore the proprieties, or improprieties referred to. In referring to the reasonable remarks made upon this subject by our Northern contemporary, a correspondent, missing their point, speaks of the custom of wearing the Red Indian costume from the waist upwards. This, we venture to think, is not what is really objected to, although any Chinaman in such habit would certainly not be permitted to remain in the Public Gardens at a Band Promenade. Probably the correspondent in question rather likes the *outré* ways of the Loutish Celestials spoken of,—there are however, Chinese here who know very well how to demean themselves,—and may even imitate their habits. He has missed the point of the remarks made, at all events; and as there is one question we would ask; as a set-off against his flourishing statement that "ladies have due warning at Aden, and can turn back there if they find naked humanity in Asia quite too shocking." Supposing his "intended bride"

or his wife were to turn and go back from Aden, while he languished in Shanghai, would that affect his argument? We fancy it would, else his susceptibilities are not very keen.

LIST of articles presented or lent to the City Hall Museum or Library from July 13th to 12th August:—

Java Deer, presented by Sergeant Major W. H. Drake; 1 Snake and 1 Hare, by James White, Esq.; 314 Chinese Coins and 3 Ningpo Boat Models (lent) by H. L. Denry, Esq.; 1 Snake and 1 Viper used as a Blasphemy; 5 Snakes, by J. White, Esq.; Snake, by J. Robinson, Esq.; Shell, by Joseph Ribeiro, Esq.

RETURN of Visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending August 10th 1879:—

	European.	Chinese
Monday, Aug. 4th,	23	138
Tuesday,	5th,	21
Wednesday,	6th,	29
Thursday,	7th,	71
Friday,	8th,	42
Saturday,	9th,	59
Sunday,	10th,	39
Totals	383	1,092
Grand total, 1,875.		

WE regret to learn, says the *Japan Mail*, of the death of Mr L. Bonnat, of the Grand Hotel, Yokohama. Mr Bonnat left here on the 16th May, for his home, via America. He only reached New York, where he died. A telegram arrived on Sunday, announcing the sad fact. Mr Bonnat was well known in Yokohama, and the genial face of this landlark *par excellence* will be greatly missed in our little community. He leaves many friends here.

THE *North China Daily News* publishes Mr John Pender's admirable speech at the banquet given to the delegates at the International Telegraph Conference, on the 17th June and says:—

For ourselves, we have to thank Mr Pender for foreshadowing so clearly the probability of some relief being ere long afforded in regard to the transmission of Press messages, which it is to be hoped will not be confined to certain narrow limits, but will be extended, on an easy basis, so as to be able to be availed of, as far as possible, on equitable terms by the Press of the Far East generally. There can be no doubt that Reuters has ignominiously failed in regard to Press telegrams to China and Japan, and some newer, cheaper, and more energetic means are urgently needed. It is quite essential that newspaper telegraphy abroad should keep pace, in some degree at least, with the admirable arrangements now existent at Home and in Europe generally; and we have little doubt that, were suitable facilities offered by the telegraph companies, there would be found sufficient enterprise for the formation of a United Press Association for the Far East, possibly extending from the Straits to Japan.

WE take the following paragraphs on Russian and Chinese affairs from the *Pioneer*:—

The complaints made against the Chinese by the Russian authorities of Kuldja, are to be the prelude, according to a Russian newspaper, of a large military expedition—a war, that is, with China. General Kauffmann is still at P. Petersburg.

The Russian troops which started from Tschikilar on the 20th of June seem to have been but the advance guard of the Turcoman Expedition. This advance was under the command of Colonel Prince Dolgoroukoff, and consisted of three battalions of foot, 500 cavalry, and four guns.

Recent accounts from Tiflis state that the Grand Duke Michael was expected to return to the Caucasus about the end of this month. As already noted from other sources of information, the Russian authorities were—at least till the middle of last month—still despatching troops towards Baku for that which may now be called the expedition against Merv. Officers of all branches had been warned for service.

THE failure of the French and Italian silk crops was noticed the other day. It now appears that the silk crops in Spain and Asia Minor are also injured; and according to the best information at hand, the Japanese crop is damaged to the extent of some 15 or 16 per cent. There is certainly a fair chance now of making a profit out of Indian tussur silk. The worst of tussur silk is that it takes the dye badly; except, however, in a fatal mistake. The chief thing to be done as first to produce the silk in a cleaner state; it would then take dyes better; and secondly, to prohibit the use of European fugitive dyes and crude colours, and to utilize the indigenous dyes of India. Mr Wardle, a member of the great silk house, lately delivered a lecture on the subject of tussur before the Society of Arts, and he expressed a deliberate opinion that "an immense trade would be developed in India if better qualities of tussur were woven there."—*Pioneer*.

THIS following is the latest news concerning Colonel Prejevalsky:—

"By the 13th of May he had reached 'Bulungur on the Frontiers of Tibet.' This Bulungur is probably the salt lake of that name, or some place near it, in the Mongolian province of Tsaidam, to the south-west of Lake Koko-Nor. Prejevalsky has now to cross the Burkhan Buddhas and Shuga mountain ranges; and there a terrible desert 14,500 feet above the level of the sea. Before him are the head waters of

